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SUBJ: FADA N'GOURMA ROAD

FOR CHARGES FROM AF/W

1. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATIONS IN AID/W FEBRUARY 13, AID
OFFICIALS INFORMED LGA SECRETARY GENERAL SAMAKE THAT
CURRENT PROSPECTS FOR USG FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
THE FADA ROAD ARE VERY POOR.

2. TELEGRAM REPORTING ON THIS CONVERSATION IS UNDER PRE-
PARATION. AF CONSIDERS IT UNFORTUNATE THAT THIS NEWS
SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONVEYED AT THIS TIME AND IN THIS
FASHION. WE ASSUME SAMAKE WILL BE INTOUCH WITH
LAMIZANA AND DIORI AND OTHERS ABOUT IT. THEY MAY READ
INTO IT SOME POLITICAL GESTURE SUCH AS US DISAPPROVAL OF
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THE LAMIZANA "COUP" OR OF DIORI'S DEMAND FOR REMOVAL OF

OUR PAO IN NIAMEY.

3. THE REASONS FOR THE GLOOMY PROSPECTS FOR THIS PROJECT ARE OF COURSE OF QUITE ANOTHER NATURE. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS PER SE ARE NOW VERY MUCH OUT OF FAVOR, IN PART DUE TO CONGRESSIONAL INTENTIONS REFLECTED IN THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1973. FAA FUNDS THIS YEAR ARE DELIMITED IN FUNCTIONAL SECTORS. BY FAR THE LARGEST AMOUNTS ARE FOR USE IN FOOD AND NUTRITION,

POPULATION AND HEALTH, AND EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITIES. ONLY DOLS 40.5 MILLION WORLDWIDE WAS APPROPRIATED FOR TRANSPORT, POWER, INDUSTRY, URBAN DEVELOPMENT ETC. IN ADDITION THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR LOANS IS FAR DOWN FROM LAST YEAR AND WE HAVE HAD TO GIVE VERY CLOSE SCRUTINY TO OUR AF LOAN PRIORITIES FOR FY 75. RISING COSTS HAVE NOT ONLY CREATED COST OVERRUNS ON MANY PROJECTS BUT HAVE FURTHER JEOPARDIZED A POSSIBLE CONCLUSION THAT THE FADA ROAD CAN BE JUSTIFIED IN A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS. THUS A COMBINATION OF FACTORS APPEARS AT THIS TIME TO RULE OUT FINDING FY 75 FUNDS OF SOME DOLS 16 MILLION FOR THE ROAD.

4. WE ARE OF COURSE FURTHER DISCOMFITTED BY THE FACT THAT THE LYONS STUDY IS JUST BEGINNING. WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE STUDY, HOWEVER, AND BELIEVE WE SHOULD GO THROUGH WITH IT. IT MAY BECOME A DOCUMENT WHICH WILL HELP ANSWER THE QUESTION OF FEASIBILITY OF TWO LANE VERSUS SINGLE LANE PAVEMENT. IT MIGHT ASSIST THE GOVERNMENTS OF UPPER VOLTA AND NIGER TO SEEK FUNDING ELSEWHERE.

5. IT HAD BEEN OUR ORIGINAL INTENTION, GIVEN THE POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN EACH COUNTRY, TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE LYONS STUDY BEFORE TELLING THE TWO GOVERNMENTS THAT WE HAD NO FUNDS. WE WOULD NOW LIKE YOUR VIEWS SOONEST ON HOW TO HANDLE THIS MATTER WITH THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE LGA. FOR THE MOMENT WE SUGGEST YOU SAY NOTHING. IF YOU ARE APPROACHED, HOWEVER, BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SUGGEST YOU STATE THERE HAS NOT BEEN A FINAL DECISION ON CON-

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STRUCTION FUNDING BUT THAT IT IS INDEED BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT RISING COSTS, CONGRESSIONAL DICTATES AND DECLINING CONCESSIONAL LENDING LEVELS COMBINE TO RENDER DOUBTFUL OUR ABILITY TO CARRY THROUGH ON OUR FADA ROAD COMMITMENT. YOU MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO REMIND YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT COUNTERPARTS THAT OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS IS

AMPLEY DEMONSTRATED BY OUR UNDERTAKING A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS IN BOTH COUNTRIES IN THE CONTEXT OF RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION - TO WHICH THE US CONGRESS HAS BEEN MOST RESPONSIVE - WHICH RAISE CONSIDERABLY US GRANT ASSISTANCE LEVELS IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

6. IT IS PLANNED THAT DR. FEI WILL AGAIN VISIT THE SAHEL REGION STARTING WEEK OF FEB 18 ON A MISSION TO DETERMINE APPROPROATE PROJECTS FOR THE DOLS 50 MILLION FOR THE SAHEL WHICH AID IS SEEKING FROM THE CONGRESS UNDER THE AUTHORIZATION BILL FOR DISASTER RELIEF. YOU ARE BEING ADVISED SEPARATELY ON THIS TRIP. RUSH

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